birds, snakes, adders, vipers, frogs, toads, and all kinds of worms, mermaids, whales, dolphins, congers, sturgeons, pikes, carps, breams, and all sorts of fishes All these were in sugar work, some in standing dishes, some in flat work. There were also in flat sugar work and marchpanes, grapes, oysters, mussels, cockles, periwinkles, crabs, lobsters, as well as apples, pears and plums of all kinds, preserves, suckets, jellies, leaches, marmalades, pastes, and comfits

On Thursday the day began with a song by the Fairy Queen, dancing round a garland with her maids, which so pleased the Queen that she caused it to be repeated twice over, graciously dismissing the singers with largess

An hour later, the Queen and her nobles took their departure from Elvetham On all sides as they went, the actors in the entertainment were grouped in melancholy postures, wringing their hands in dumb show at her going away. Last of all, as the Queen passed under the park gate, a consort of musicians, hidden in a bower, played while two sang

O come again, fair Nature's treasure,
Whose looks yield joys, exceeding measure

O come again, heaven's chief delight,
Thine absence makes eternal night
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O come again, world's starbnght eye,
Whose presence doth adorn the sky

O come again, sweet beauty's sun,
When thou art gone, our joys are done

So highly was the Queen pleased with her reception at Elvetham, that she declared to the Lord Hertford that the beginning, process and end of his entertainment was so honour-able that hereafter he should find reward in her especial favour

zyih September THE BEACON WATCHES

To those asking that the watches at the beacons be discon-

tinued, the Council answer that they would be very willing
but that they have been advertised of the arrival of certain
galleys of the King of Spain in the Narrow Seas, and some
attempt may be made on the coast, especially on those parts that